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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Takayoshi KAWAI et al.

Group Art Unit: 3652

Application No.: 10/086,526

Examiner: R. B. Johnson

Filed: March 4, 2002

Docket No.: 112100

For: APPARATUS FOR ASSISTING OPERATOR IN PERFORMING MANUAL
OPERATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH COMPONENT FEEDERS

APPLICANTS' INTERVIEW RECORD

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants wish to express their appreciation to Examiner Johnson for the courtesies extended Applicants' representative at the October 19, 2004 personal interview. In accordance with MPEP §713.04, the points discussed during the interview are incorporated in the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

Applicants' representative asserted that the August 3, 2004 Amendment obviates the indefiniteness rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and that the claims define patentable subject matter over the prior art of record. Examiner Johnson agreed to review the amendments to the claims and the arguments further before issuing another Action.

Applicants' representative indicated willingness to entertain suggestions from the Examiner upon completing his review.

Respectfully submitted,

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